



Community Development Block Grant General Purpose Grant

Local Government Division



*Soundview Apartments
remodel, Longview, WA*



*Pacific County Early Childhood
Learning Center*

Introduction

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) General Purpose grants are made available annually through a competitive application process to assist small cities, towns and counties in carrying out significant community and economic development projects that principally benefit low- and moderate-income persons. Examples of eligible general purpose proposals include:

- Housing rehabilitation projects
- Projects in support of new housing construction, this is usually acquisition and infrastructure
- Economic development, such as revolving loan funds, infrastructure and incubators
- Community facilities, such as community centers, health care facilities and Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program/Headstart facilities
- Public facilities such as water, wastewater, storm sewer and streets
- Comprehensive projects requiring a combination of activities such as housing rehabilitation and infrastructure improvements
- Public services providing counseling, job training or other benefits
- Barrier removal for handicap accessibility

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Funds Available

Depending on congressional action, approximately \$7 million in grant monies is normally available each funding cycle under the General Purpose Program. The maximum amount for a single grant is \$750,000.

Eligibility Guidelines

- Eligible applicants are Washington State cities and towns with less than 50,000 in population or counties with less than 200,000 in population that are non-entitlement jurisdictions or are not participants in a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Urban County Entitlement Consortium.
- Projects must principally benefit low- and moderate-income persons. Low- and moderate-income is defined as 80 percent of county median income.
- Applicants may submit one request each funding cycle.

Application Process

- 1) Applications are available in September when application workshops are conducted.
- 2) Applications are due mid-November; rating and selection is complete late February.
- 3) Applications are rated by a review committee, given a numerical score and funded by highest score first until all available funds have been awarded.
- 4) Awards are announced in February.